Poramboke Cases in the Muvattupuzha Taluk.

131. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): In regard to the *poramboke* cases in the Muvattupuzha taluk, during the last three years, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing separately:

(i) the total number taken up;

(ii) the number of cases which ended in conviction;

(iii) the amount realised on account of fines;

(iv) among the convicted cases, the number of cases in which the sites were inspected by the Tahsildar personally;

(v) the total area of the *poramboke* lands registered; and

(vi) the amount realised under *taravila*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:—

(i). Number taken up	...	1,652
(ii) Number convicted	...	1,387
(iii) Amount realised on account of fines	...	Rs. 2,698-Chs. 12-C. 12.
(iv) Number of places, among convicted cases, personally inspected by the Tahsildar	...	106
(v) Total area of *poramboke* lands registered	...	14 acres and 23 cents
(vi) Amount realised under *taravila*	...	Rs. 1,423-Chs. 11-C. 15.

Powers of Clerks of Taluk Offices to try Puduval and other Cases.

132. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Have the clerks in taluk offices power to take evidence in *poramboke*, *puduval* and other cases and also to try them?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the clerks are, in the absence of the Tahsildar, trying *poramboke* and *puduval* cases and also taking statements in them and that consequently the parties are put to manifold difficulties and hardships?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Roman Catholics in the Education Department.

133. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Roman Catholic Christian teachers in each of the English and Malayalam branches of the Education Department?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are 20 Roman Catholic teachers in the English branch, and 180 in the Vernacular branch of the Department.

Roman Catholics in the Public Works Department.

134. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Roman Catholic Christians holding appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 25 and above in the Public Works Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Seventeen.

Sanction of Government for Officers to sue S. M. P. A. Members and Members of Council.

135. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to rule that, in the same way as the people cannot, without the sanction of Government, sue some of the officers, Government officers cannot, without the sanction of Government, sue the representatives of the people who are members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly or the Legislative Council?

(*b*) As corrupt officers are likely to harbour ill-feeling against the people's representatives who always oppose their wrongful acts, do not Government consider that such a provision has become a great necessity?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) It is not clear whether the member is referring to Civil Court or Criminal Court proceedings, or to the enactment of any Regulation or the issue of departmental instructions. In regard to Criminal proceedings, the member is referred to Section 173 (*d*) of the Criminal Procedure Code. The question of extending the applicability of that section to Legislative Council members also will be considered. In regard to departmental instructions relating to Civil and Criminal proceedings by Government, the Member is referred to G. O. No. J. 835, dated 16-2-1910, published in the Land Revenue Manual, Vol III, page 75. The Government do not propose to curtail the rights of Government officers, in regard to suits or prosecutions relating to private matters.

Speed Limit for Motor Buses.

136. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Have the bus-owners sent in their objections in accordance with the notification R. O. C. No. 3659, published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 8th September, 1925, regulating the speed of buses?

(*b*) If so, have they been considered by the Government? Will the Government be pleased to state what their decision is?

(*c*) Have the Government had occasion to know that the buses designed to cover a distance of 15 to 20 miles in an hour will consume a greater quantity of petrol if driven at a speed of 11 miles per hour?

(*d*) As long as buses afford facilities and safety to passengers, will the Government be pleased to encourage bus-owners by sanctioning a higher speed, so that buses may not cease to ply on account of the stringency of the rules?

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